

Marc LaChey

Division at Large Candidate



As a member of the NMRA for the past twenty-one years, I am seeking a second term as Director at Large for the Lone Star Region-NMRA.

My interest in the hobby dates back to the late 1980s when I first began to attend area train shows. My first engine was an Athearn blue box F unit painted for the Denver & Rio Grande. While attending various train shows, I learned about the Spring Creek Modular Railroad Club and soon joined. The guys in this group taught me the basics of model railroading. After moving to a new home in 1992, I started my first home layout, a 4'x 8' plywood layout with simple loops.

In 1998, I made contact with a small group of guys that shared an interest in modeling the Colorado narrow gauge in Sn3. I became a founding member of the North Texas Narrow Gauge group, which remains active to this day.

My first LSR convention was the 50th anniversary convention held here in Dallas/Fort Worth. I learned a lot during the clinics and had the opportunity to visit a number of home layouts. A friend and I attended the National Narrow Gauge convention held in St Louis in 2000. I've attended all but three National Narrow Gauge conventions since.

During the 2000's, I helped organize a number of narrow gauge "mini meets". These were Friday night/Saturday events, which were well attended. In the summer of 2011, I agreed to Chair the 2013 LSR Regional Convention, which was held in Dallas/Fort Worth. It was a learning experience. I used that experience to produce the 2014 Sn3 Symposium. At present, I am hosting the 2018 Sn3 Symposium to be held in Garland, Texas. Following my election to the Board in 2016 as a Director at Large, Chuck Lind asked me to follow Bill McPherson as the Regional Convention Chair.

While I am a strong believer in the NMRA on a national level, my experience has been that the Region and Divisions are the foundation of the NMRA. Without the local encouragement, sharing of knowledge and long term friendships that I have experienced on a local level, I would not have remained in the hobby all these years. It is my desire to continue to serve the membership of the Lone Star Region. I hope that my past efforts warrant your vote so that I may serve another term.